

Chapter 3.1.5, infection with *Marteilia refringens*

Article 3.1.5.2

Susceptible and vector species

Proposed wording reads:

Item (3) The Pacific oyster, *Crassostrea gigas*, is not regarded to be a vector of *Marteilia refringens*.

If this language is to be added, documentation should be provided. The 2002 edition of the Manual (Chapter 3.1.3 Marteilirosis) indicates that *Crassostrea gigas* may be infected with a *Marteilia* sp. and the cited reference in this Chapter of the manual is: “Cahour, A (1979) *Marteilia refringens* in *Crassostrea gigas*. Mar. Fish. Rev. 41, 19-20.” The proposed change is significant and should be supported by substantiating literature. This literature should be cited or provided to justify the change. This comment about the proposed change is significant because it supports the proposed change to Article 2.1.1.11 on the last page of the proposed document which indicates that *Crassostrea gigas* could be exported out of a *Marteilia refringens*-infected zone without a health certificate.